Identify Data Gaps and Available Analytical Tools

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Overview of Presentation

- **Identification of data gaps**
- **Identification of available analytical tools and potential needs**
- **Development of work plans to obtain information or meet analytical needs**

Assessment of Data Gaps

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- **Preparing extensive bibliography**
- **Identifying data gaps**
  - Developed during preparation of Preliminary Existing Baseline Conditions and No Action Alternative reports
  - Modified based on recent information
- **Develop Work Plans to meet data gaps**
  - Obtain remaining information that is available to the public
  - Determine time needed to obtain additional data
  - Consider approach if data is not available

Focus of Data Gaps Efforts

- **Water quality and hydrology in the Salton Sea watershed**
- **Biological resources**
- **Recreation in the watershed and surrounding areas**
- **Economics and socio-economics**
- **Land use plans**
- **Cultural resources**
- **Air quality**
- **Potential for selenium bioaccumulation**

Assessment of Analytical Tools

What is an Analytical Tool?

- **Numerical procedure to:**
  - Describe the physical, biological, and/or social environments
  - Describe relationships between the environments
  - Allow for variable conditions to simulate changes
- **Types of analytical tools range from "spreadsheets" to complex models**

Why use Analytical Tools?

- **Many interactions between physical, biological, and/or social environments can be represented with "cause-and-effect" mathematical relationships**
- **Facilitate review of potential impacts due to modification of numerical assumptions**
- **Impact assessments may require that these relationships be used repetitively or in an iterative manner**

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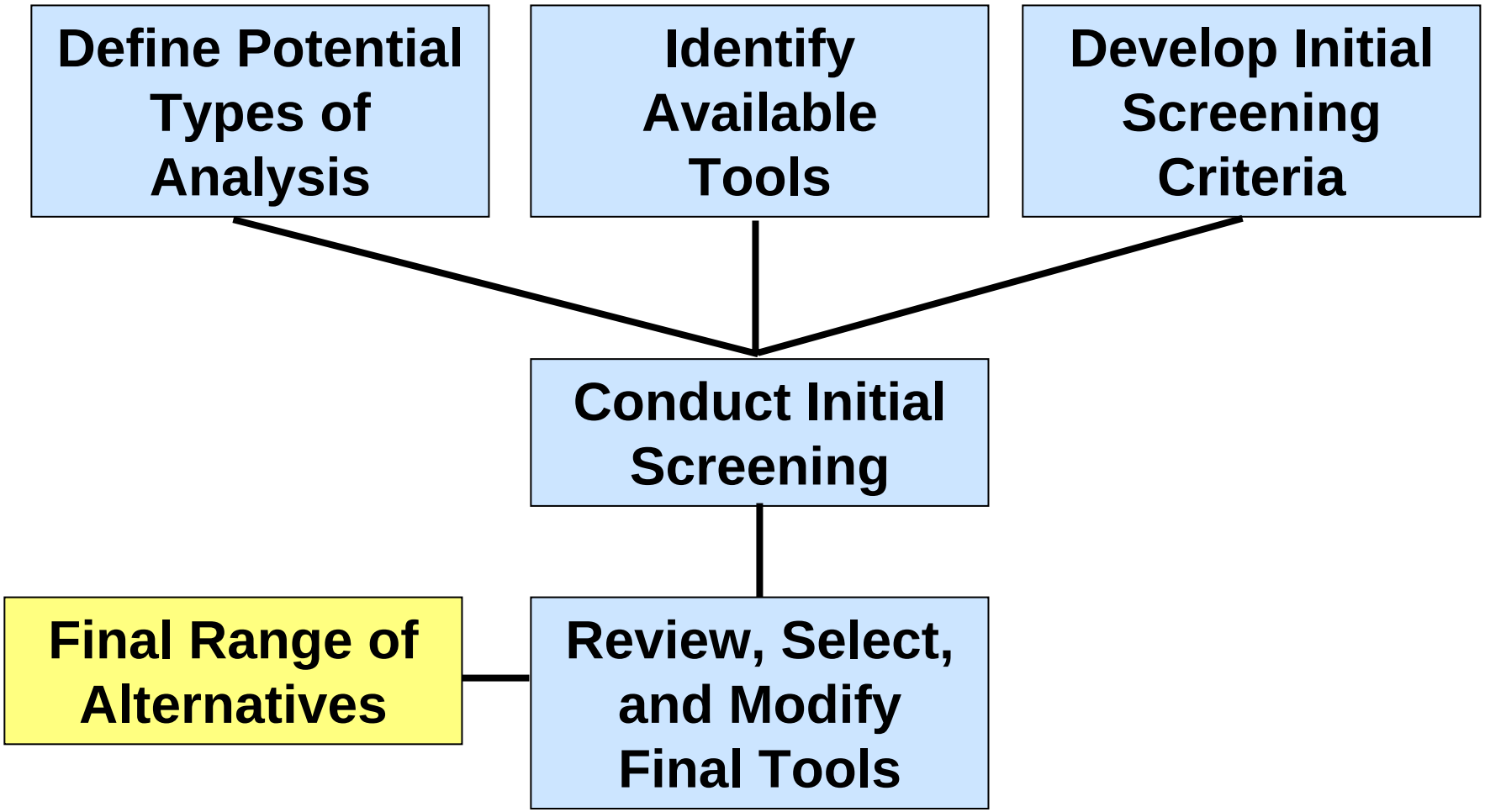

Potential Types of Analysis

- **Salton Sea hydrology, water quality, sediment transport, and circulation**
- **Groundwater flows that affect Salton Sea**
- **Habitat conditions**
- **Response of biological resources**
- **Economics**
  - Agricultural
  - Recreation
  - Community and regional

Information Collected for Each Tool

- **Type of analysis**
- **Name and description**
- **Responsible agency and/or author**
- **Status of model**
  - Programming and input data complete?
  - Calibration/verification, if required?
  - Available for public review?
- **Capability of model**
  - Geographical area coverage and physical features
  - Time step and level-of-detail
  - Linkage to other tools
  - Need for/feasibility of modifications (determined later)

Summary

- **Compiling list of known data gaps**
- **Compiling initial list of analytical tools and preliminary descriptions**
- **Will define next steps and develop appropriate work plans for data gaps and analytical tools**